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CAPITAL GETS CONVENTION

Republican Hosts of State to Meet in Oklahoma City On March 21

OPEN STATE CAMPAIGN

John Fields Stirs Hearers in Urging Support of Fair Election Law

THE Republican state convention will be held in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, March 21, according to the edict issued by the state committee at its session in the Skirvin hotel Wednesday afternoon.

Those who contended for a single convention won their point in committee. Meetings were provided for the precincts of the state to be held on the second Tuesday in March to select members of the county committee, and county conventions will be held on the Saturday following to select members of the state committee. A chairman and secretary of the state central committee will be elected at the Oklahoma City convention in March.

It is expected that the latter session will not only be a meeting of delegates, but a large outpouring of the Republicans of the state to inaugurate a grand state campaign. At this convention four delegates to the national convention will be selected at large. The representation to the state convention will be one delegate for every hundred votes cast for John Fields for governor in the R.R.A. campaign.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee to establish a permanent system of procedure in the future. In and out of convention, in the management of the party organization. Each congressional committee will manage its own affairs.

Lorton Votes Protest

The only protest in the meeting was precipitated when Chairman Gibbons' suggestion of a committee to formulate a plan for holding a double convention was given consideration. Eugene Lorton, immediately after appointment of the committee, denounced it as a state program, cut and dried, and urged that all business be transacted immediately by the state committee as a committee of the whole. He also protested against the state chairman's recommendation of co-operation with the Socialists for the purpose of carrying the fall election he initiated by the Socialist party in Oklahoma. John Fields of Oklahoma City, Ark. (continued on page seven)

QUEEN "INCOG"

Mother of King George V Delights in Serving Soldiers With Refreshments, the Men Seldom Recognizing Her

LODGE Dec. 30—Queen Alexandra, mother of King George V, has taken a particular interest in the work of the soldiers' canteens which furnish coffee and sandwiches free to all men in uniform at the principal London railway stations. On several occasions the queen mother has insisted on taking a turn at the coffee urn, setting the customary hour-and-a-half trick with the other voluntary workers at one or more of the stations. The soldiers seldom recognize her highness for some time, and she takes especial delight in serving them incognito and receiving their "Thank you, ma'am," just as it is given to the other workers in the canteen.

EDUCATORS MEET

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 30.—A meeting of the Northeastern Oklahoma Educational association was set for Thursday here and as many as 1,000 teachers are expected to attend. This is the second important meeting of Oklahoma teachers, the first having taken place at Oklahoma City Thanksgiving day when the state association met.

TEXAS FARMER IS TRIMMED

Vincent Baer of Midland, Tex., Loses \$20,000 on Fake Horse Race Scheme

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—Vincent Baer, a wealthy rancher of Midland, Tex., was swindled out of \$20,000 by wire tappers on a fake horse race scheme, according to reports to the police Thursday. The swindlers met Baer in Kansas City and later induced him to part with his money on the assurance of getting a greater sum. He has not seen them since. They left for Cincinnati Christmas.

PROHI. NATIONAL CONVENTION DATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Prohibition national convention has been set for July 19 in Minneapolis. It was announced Thursday by the national committee.

P. O. OPEN JAN. 1

LAWYERS WILL NOT BE GAGGED

Turn Down Resolutions Restricting Criticism of Courts

WAS MUCH DISCUSSION

Entire Morning Spent in Consideration of Free Speech Interests

PERSONAL freedom of speech of attorneys in criticism of the courts was ignored virtually Thursday morning at the session of the State Bar association at the Skirvin hotel.

Resolutions were presented at the opening of the session for adoption. These resolutions were to the effect that the association should put itself on record as agreeing that each of its members should not take occasion to criticize any court whatever, without making such criticism absolutely specific.

Just before the noon adjournment the resolutions were put to a vote, and failed of adoption.

The whole morning was spent in the discussion, which was led by W. A. Ledbetter of Oklahoma City. Others who participated were E. E. Blake of Oklahoma City; James B. Diggs of Tulsa; A. J. Hilditch, E. G. McAdams of Oklahoma City; J. P. O'Meara and N. A. Gibson.

Almost without exception these men were opposed to the proposed resolutions, or to any of similar nature which would tend to restrict freedom of speech on the part of attorneys of the association.

Aside from the discussion leaders almost every member of the association entered into the consideration of the matter of speech restriction with a great deal of earnestness, and it was generally considered to be one of the most important matters that is to come before the present session of the association.

The party opposing the adoption of the proposition laid particular stress on this point, and urged that no action be taken. One speaker said:

"We must wait until we have a strong enough representation in the legislature to pass such legislation as we wish or to nullify such as already exists dispensing to us."

In spite of the recommendation of the committee, however, the convention adopted the amended amendment, proposed by amendment after agreeing that a man might voluntarily surrender a portion of his wings to the treasury of his political party without violating state law.

The first business of the morning session was the election of State Chairman J. O. Welday to the position of chairman of the convention for the third consecutive time. Following this a committee introduced a resolution to the effect that no unauthorized agitator or speaker of the Socialist party be allowed to debate on any political question with a proponent unless said proponent is endorsed by some political party of the state.

This resolution was tabled on the ground that no agitator or speaker had the endorsement of the state.

Following the discussion of the assessment resolution the question of the negro in the Socialist party was taken up.

At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon a number of the delegates will ride in automobiles from India Temple where the convention is being held to the state capital building. Upon their return the convention will adjourn en masse.

It is probable that a special order of business will be taken on late Thursday afternoon and that a night session will be held.

WATCH BLASTS

Exploration Results in Revision of Ordinance to Supervise Dynamiting in City—Take No Chances

"There will be no new ordinance regarding dynamite blasts as a result of the Tuesday explosion at the old brick yard," was the word from city hall officials Thursday morning.

An ordinance already among city laws was thought to cover the life of fourteen-year-old Leonie Keller, 1417 West Eleventh street. This ordinance, it proved, on investigation, covers only blasts set off in streets, alleys, and other public places.

Immediate action was taken Thursday, and the section limiting the jurisdiction of the city in such matters was stricken out.

The ordinance provided that in all public places there should be no blasts set off without inspection and a permit from city authorities. The revised ordinance will cover all blasts within the city limits.

The explosion Tuesday evening had not been inspected, and showered a two-block radius with debris.

POLAND SUFFERS

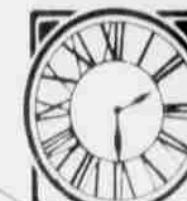
More than 4,000,000 of the Population Report to Soap Kitchens for Daily Pittance of Food

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—More than 4,000,000 of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent upon soap kitchens, where they are issued to each applicant a small loaf of bread and a pint of soup daily, according to William H. Hamilton of the American Mercy and Relief committee, who reached New York today on the steamship Rotterdam.

W. C. OPEN JAN. 1

CONSTRUCTIVE NEWSPAPER

OKLAHOMA CITY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915,

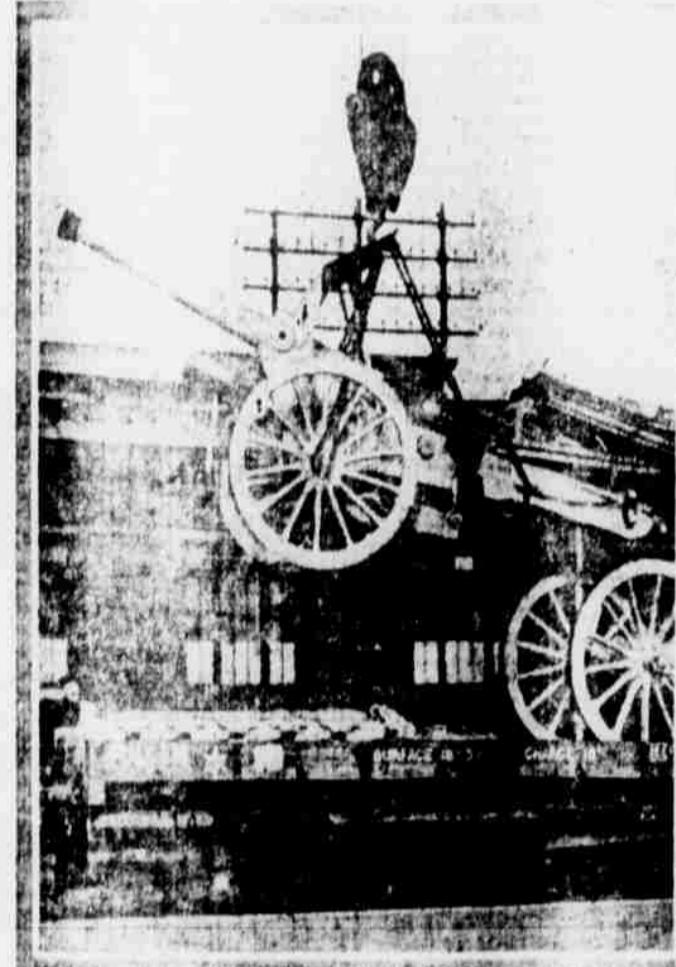


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BRITISH GUNS GOING INTO FRANCE



This British gun is being hoisted by a flatcar to be forwarded to the front. It had just been sent across the English channel to the army fighting in the north of France.

GRAB SCORE IN STEALS METAL; PUZZLES COPS

Big Money Put Up by Gamesters Following North Broadway Haul

TWENTY-ONE men were captured by a night raiding squad of police officers late Wednesday night in rooms at 116-12 North Broadway, and were charged at police station with gambling. Nearly \$360 in bond money for the bunch imposed Thursday morning in the cash drawer of the police sergeant's office, a convincer that the men will face trial Thursday afternoon.

George Burns and Jess Garrett were the biggest bond money donkitors, the former putting up \$51 as assisting in maintaining a gambling house, the latter \$99 as proprietor. Eleven dollars bonds were required of the nineteen others as lotteries about a gambling house.

According to the officers, poker, craps, and blackjack were forming the progressive games of the evening when "the boy" stepped in.

The place at 116-12 North Broadway has long been under suspicion, both from the standpoint of gambling and the illegal sale of liquor, and Wednesday night a raid followed lengthy spotting of the place by police officers. They called for assistance and raided when they thought the evening's party was about made up and the games in full swing.

Detectives A. A. Gordon, Frank Baker, John Heep and Charles Farra formed the raiding squad.

STUDY HOLIDAY MERRY MAKING

SPOKANE, Dec. 30.—Study of United States holidays drinking with reference to crime is to be made by the national anti-saloon league, according to local officers Thursday. The ten day period beginning Christmas eve is being watched and offenses all over the continent traceable to alcohol will be classified.

The figures are:

City of London, 4,521,268 in 1911; New York City, 4,790,882 in 1910; "Ex-London," counting all suburbs, 7,000; Greater New York, including Westchester and New Jersey suburbs, in 1911, 7,383,871.

GOV. OF MINN. DIES SUDDENLY

Was in Louisiana, Where He Had Gone to Inspect Some Lands He Owned

BANK CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The voluntary liquidation of the Konawa (Okla.) National bank and its consolidation with the First National bank of Konawa is announced by the treasury department. W. E. McKinney of Konawa is the liquidating agent. Also liquidation of the Keota National bank of Keota, Okla., was announced, the committee being R. N. Robinson, T. A. Fitzgerald and O. H. Smith of Keota.

OPPOSE FLETCHER AS AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The senate foreign relations committee is preparing to attack President Wilson's policy by fighting the confirmation of Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador. Fletcher is a Republican and some of the Democrats are expected to join in the fight.

THE WEATHER

Probably rain or snow tonight and Friday not much change in temperature.

A front of high pressure pressure is moving into Colorado to the upper Mississippi valley and along its northern and western edges moved over the surface. The pressure continues over the Great Lakes and the mountains of the Northwest, while the Mountain States to the South are likely to get a little rain.

Local Data

Highest temperatures recorded 39° Lowest temperature last night 29° Highest temperature this date last year 41° Lowest temperature this date last year 20° Lowest temperature this date in 20 years 26°

Temperature at 5 a.m. 30° Temperature at 12 m. 30° Precipitation for past 24 hours 1.00 in. Total precipitation from January 1 to date 1.00 in. Accumulated snow from January 1 to date 1.00 in.

Washington Forecast

Front will move southward and probably rain or snow again Saturday and Sunday.

DENVER VIEWS WITH ALARM

Colorado Capital Reckons One Month's Business in Liquor —Totals \$2,000,000

DENVER, Col., Dec. 30.—An estimate of the amount of liquor that will have been sold in Denver during the month of December made by one well informed respecting the stocks carried in this city, places the total expenditures at the astonishing figure of \$2,000,000.

This estimate is based upon the following figures:

Two hundred first-class saloons	\$50,000 each	\$1,000,000
One hundred second-class saloons	\$2,000 each	200,000
Eighty-one third-class saloons	\$1,000 each	81,000
All delicates stores	100,000	
Bear sold by all breweries and Shipped in	250,000	
Wholesale liquor dealers	360,000	

Total \$2,000,000

Prohibition becomes operative in Colorado on January 1, 1916.

NO CONFLICT IN BAILEY BANQUETS

Young Demos' Feed and Program Will Be Finished Before State Bar Association Program Starts

Owing to the fact that the 300 plates originally claimed by the Young Men's Democratic club for the banquet at which Senator Bailey is to speak Thursday night have all been taken, 50 additional ones have been arranged for. As far as possible the seating capacity of the dining room at the First Presbyterian church those who have not yet procured their tickets are urged by the committee in charge to do so at the earliest possible moment.

The banquets and address at the church will interfere in no way with the State Bar association banquet, which is to be held at the Skirvin hotel Thursday night. The Young Men's banquet is to start promptly at 6:30 and will be over in less time for the beginning of the bar banquet, which will probably not start before 9 o'clock. As Senator Bailey is the honored guest at each arrangement, it is hoped that the two affairs will not conflict.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES CARRANZA GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Germany Thursday recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

SNOW IN CALIFORNIA

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Dec. 30.—The first snow in ten years covered the ground here Thursday.

MANN PRODS STATE DEPT'

Urges Government to Demand Surrender of Chicagoan in Sonora, Mex.

PA. OIL NOW \$2.25

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Pennsylvania crude oil Thursday advanced ten cents, bringing the price up to \$2.25 a barrel.

KANSAS ENJOYS FAT YEAR

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 30.—The year closing Friday has been a great year agriculturally and financially for Kansas. The bank deposits have been the highest in history, for the corresponding time, the year through.

TYPHUS TOLL IN MEXICO

GALVESTON, Dec. 30.—November typhus deaths in Mexico City were 315, according to information reaching the local consul Thursday. Fifteen hundred new cases were reported in December.

WAGES TO GO UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The wages of 200,000 employees in many trades will be raised January 1. The aggregate increases are expected to total millions. Machinists, milliners, wavers and mechanics are among those affected.